

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application, and are marked to show changes.

What is claimed is:

- 1-21. (Cancelled).
22. (Original). A method of analyzing resources and events of a first computer comprising:
 - (a) storing in a first database located within the first computer a first dataset describing the resource and event characteristics of the first computer at a first moment in time;
 - (b) storing in the first database a second dataset describing the resource and event characteristics of the first computer at a second moment in time;
 - (c) comparing the first dataset and the second dataset in order to determine whether the differences indicate the occurrence of an exceptional event; and
 - (d) if an exceptional event has occurred, initiating an exception handling routine.
23. (Currently Amended). The method of claim + 22 wherein initiating an exception handling routine comprises notifying a second computer of the exceptional event.
24. (Currently Amended). The method of claim + 22 wherein initiating an exception handling routine comprises notifying a human user of the exceptional event.
25. (Currently Amended). The method of claim + 23 wherein the second computer comprises a server.
26. (Currently Amended). The method of claim + 23, further comprising the step:
 - (e) the second computer transmits a response to the first computer.
27. (Currently Amended). The method of claim + 26, further comprising the step:
 - (f) the second computer stores the notification of the exceptional event in a second database.
28. (Currently Amended). The method of claim + 27, further comprising the step: